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Trade sentiment was mostly steady going into the weekend with majority prices in the major terminal markets unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best interest where product was either featured, or into fast food outlets. Supplies were adequate for requirements, but offerings were limited. In the parts structure, trading was moderate for late week business. Overall, dark meat was adequate to tight and held with confidence, and tenders were in close balance. Other, breast items and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were less available but still moderate; weights were usually desirable to a tad lighter.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 18-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	55.00-76.00	68.94	29
New York	71.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	61.00-80.00	73.94	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
987	69.96-76.00	73.89

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,286
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	5,701
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,356
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00	997
LEG QUARTERS	35.50	7,049
WINGS	89.50	2,949

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Trade interest was light to fair on mixed offerings; small weight birds were in close balance, heavy birds adequate to fully sufficient. Retail interest was noted as improved and ranged moderate to good, best for features. Food service movement was moderate and best into fast food. Floor stocks were mixed; weights desirable. Parts trade was limited to as needed basis, which varied. Offerings of dark meat cuts were light on higher asking prices; wings and tenders were moderate with remaining breast cuts moderate to at times heavy and discounted. The market tone was firm on dark meat, fully steady on tenderloins, and cautiously steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service interest was fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were clearing. However, offering were about adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Dark meat was limited to short, tenders were balanced to well cleared. Balance of breast items and wings were sufficient for current needs. In production areas, live supplies were light to moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices remained unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for next week deliveries were at mainly unchanged to occasionally higher prices. Offerings was in fair balance on small sizes and fully adequate on heavy weights. Buying activity fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best to cover ad activities. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was overall steady on white meat items and fully steady to firm on dark items.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good, mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient and noted as in better balance than earlier in the week. Tenderloins and dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight. Wings were adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased and was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and in a closer better balance compared to earlier in the week. Tenders were tight. Leg cuts were in good balance to short. Wings were generally adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		65-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		73.37
NO. OF BOXES		7,996
CUMULATIVE	04/11/05-04/15/05	74.31
	04/12/04-04/16/04	78.53
NO. OF BOXES	04/11/05-04/15/05	33,909
	04/12/04-04/16/04	30,135

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 15

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	130.00-156.00	134-140	139.29	530	134.00-156.00	-	138.28	3,455	140.80
TENDERLOINS	216	160.00-205.00	162-167	165.30	176	158.00-200.00	165-169	166.14	1,163	163.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	82.00-92.00	84-86	86.73	TOO FEW TO REPORT				463	85.13
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				320	76.38
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				241	47.98
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	33.00-38.00	34-35	34.72	604	33.00-39.00	34-35	34.61	3,091	34.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	35.00-43.00	36	36.19	1,030	35.00-40.00	36	36.27	4,950	36.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	62.00-94.00	86-88	85.52	297	62.00-94.00	85-87	84.84	1,525	85.03
WINGS (CUT)	460	79.00-103.00	99-101	99.24	430	79.00-106.00	100-103	99.20	2,236	99.48
DRUMSTICKS	39	42.00-56.00	-	47.03	TOO FEW TO REPORT				251	45.31
THIGHS	35	45.00-56.00	-	47.97	70	38.00-56.00	-	41.06	223	44.55
B/S THIGHS	70	89.00-105.00	-	98.14	65	92.00-105.00	-	98.77	415	97.66

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 14, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 15, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 58.50	55.61	53.00 - 59.00	55.81	55.24

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under typical weekend interest, but was generally no better than moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were adequate to at least adequate; bone-in breasts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Tenderloins were well cleared to short. Wings were adequate. Dark meat cuts were in close balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenders and most dark meat cuts. Breast items and wings remained generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

APR 14, 2005

APR 15, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	148-153	151.78	695,560		148-153	153.36	702,440	152.88		3,010,770
TENDERLOINS	160-165	156.81	181,105		165-170	158.94	109,020	156.90		739,946
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.49	134,880		82-83	84.66	126,280	89.05		593,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.34	99,240		82	84.75	94,800	83.68		524,400
LEGS	49-50	49.02	303,560		49-50	51.18	278,920	49.68		1,369,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.17	490,200		36-37	36.35	263,000	35.46		1,722,440
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	37.71	332,760		38-39	39.44	227,680	40.14		887,140
THIGHS	41-42	48.91	70,520		41-42	51.07	77,040	49.83		390,260
B/S THIGHS	98-99	95.28	121,960		99-100	96.52	116,640	95.80		510,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	87.99	186,720		85-86	89.90	167,600	88.02		956,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.58	17,080		10-12	12.90	27,610	12.09		97,090
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.41	18,760		30-35	27.28	12,240	28.34		75,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.42	24,720		55-60	57.83	24,720	56.61		112,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
Alabama	3,893	4,068	3,671	4,026	5.44	5.30	4,207	5.21			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,587	5,387	5,378	5,281	5.14	5.19	5,094	5.11			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,278	2,296	2,256	2,015	5.66	5.64	2,172	5.69			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,145	2,172	1,913	2,121	4.98	4.93	2,036	5.03			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,318	3,114	2,755	3,027	5.70	5.70	3,164	5.66			DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,562	2,482	2,323	2,390	6.54	6.55	2,793	6.49			RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,659	2,536	2,523	2,534	5.38	5.36	2,471	5.29			RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	22,442	22,055	20,819	21,394	5.49	5.47	21,937	5.43				
Mon-Fri	109,546(A)						107,581(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Apr-05 and 16-Apr-05 is estimated to be 33,576,000 head up 2.00 percent from a week ago and up 7.87 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,919,000, last year 31,127,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 16-Apr-05 is estimated to be 157,918,000 head up 0.31 percent from a week ago, and up 3.77 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,429,000, last year 152,185,000)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 02-Apr-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	33,681	19,740	50,865
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.28
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	29,202	17,481	43,843
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.34
% of total /1	32%	19%	48%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,303	23,744	43,048
Avg Weight	3.76	4.70	6.34
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%

To date/2005	357,420	274,013	614,955
To date/2004	342,029	284,036	569,195

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054	501
Avg Wt	5.21	3.31	7.95	5.31	6.80
Last week	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092	500
Same wk yr ago	150,462	1,362	1,305	2,667	464
Avg Wt	5.22	3.41	8.06	5.69	6.74
To-date/2005	2,189,629	21,042	18,412	39,454	7,103
To-date/2004	2,144,901	17,870	17,683	35,553	6,483

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.3 million head, or 6.7 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

APRIL 12, 2005

RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes 1.10 - 1.15	Pigeons 3.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.10 - 1.15	White Pigeons 6.00 - 6.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS 1.00 - 1.20	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.70 - 1.80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS 1.10 - 1.20	Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS .90 - 1.00	Bunnies 5.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Fowl 1.70 - 1.80	Guinea Pigs .75 - 1.50
Banty Roosters 4.00 - 4.25ea.	Kid Goats 60.00 - 65.00ea.
Banty Hens 2.00 - 2.50ea.	Doves 35.00 - 40.00ea.
Silkie 2.50 - 2.75ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS 3.00 - 4.00ea.
	.90 - 1.00

Total Coops Sold 480

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-APRIL-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	69.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was usually good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 11-APR-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-135	127-139

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March	5 162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
	12 159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
	19 159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
	26 153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April	2 156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
	9 159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
Year to date	2216.1	2270.7	98%	
April	16 166.2			
	23 166.1			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	04/16/05	04/09/05	% CHG	04/17/04	% CHG
Broilers	157,918	157,429*	+0.31	152,185*	+3.77
Cattle	586	582	+01	595*	-02
Hogs	1,993	1,984	0	1,969*	+01

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-33 MAJORITY 28-31	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fairly good to good for current needs. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST		TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were ample with demand mostly good as producers continue to remove spent hens at an increased pace. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	6-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-APR-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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